



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#19-0774**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** August 20, 2019

**TITLE:** Resolution Approving the City's General Price List and Veterans Special Pricing List for City Cemeteries Effective August 20, 2019 – **(Commission Districts 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving the General Price List (GPL) and Veterans Special Pricing List (VPL) for City cemeteries effective August 20, 2019.

**Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale cemetery system consists of four cemeteries:

- 1) Evergreen
- 2) Lauderdale Memorial Park
- 3) Sunset Memorial Gardens
- 4) Woodlawn Cemeteries.

There is a General Price List for property, services and merchandise and a Veterans Special Pricing List for each of the cemeteries, except Woodlawn, which is closed to burial services.

Pursuant to Section 10-29 of the Code of Ordinances, pricing for plots, crypts, niches, merchandise and services within the municipal cemetery system are established by the cemetery manager, subject to review by the Cemetery System Board of Trustees and approval by the City Commission.

The proposed General Price List reflects prices for both City residents, who receive a 25% discount, and for non-residents (Exhibit 1). The resident discount provides an incentive to purchase in the City cemeteries at a cost lower than those offered at other local cemeteries. Exhibit 1a, is a spreadsheet depicting current and proposed changes in the pricing structure. Interment services pricing increases to offset overtime costs. Overall, these prices are competitive with other local cemeteries for similar property, services and merchandise (Exhibit 2).

The City also offers special pricing for veterans and their spouses at Lauderdale Memorial Park and Sunset Memorial Gardens. The Veterans Special Pricing List remains the same for residents and for non-residents (Exhibit 3).

As required by Section 10-47 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances, 19% of the total amount received from the sale of each lot or plot, columbarium niche and mausoleum crypt is set aside and deposited in the perpetual care trust. Income derived from the trust pays for a portion of the costs to maintain the cemeteries.

The Cemetery System Board of Trustees conducts an annual review of pricing to ensure that pricing is competitive with the local market and to guard against underpricing or overpricing that could threaten financial stability of the perpetual care trust fund. The last price increase to the General Price List and the Veterans Special Pricing List was in 2015.

At its June 20, 2019 meeting, the Cemetery System Board of Trustees approved the proposed General Price List and the Veterans' Special Pricing List for Lauderdale Memorial Park Cemetery, Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery (Exhibit 4).

#### **Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

#### **Strategic Connection**

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included with in the Internal Support Cylinder of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal12: Be a leading government organization, managing resources wisely and sustainably.
  - Objective 1: Ensure sound fiscal management.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: We Are United*.

#### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 – Proposed General Price List (GPL)  
Exhibit 1A – Current and Proposed Pricing  
Exhibit 2 – Comparison with Local Cemeteries  
Exhibit 3 – Veteran's Price List (VPL)  
Exhibit 4 – CSBOT 06/20/19 Minutes  
Exhibit 5 – Resolution

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